

EXHIBIT A

SCOTT+SCOTT LLP



MISSION STATEMENT

Scott+Scott LLP is a nationally recognized law firm headquartered in Connecticut with offices in California, New York City, and Ohio. Scott+Scott represents individuals, businesses, public and private pension funds, and others who have suffered from corporate fraud and wrongdoing. Scott+Scott is directly responsible for recovering hundreds of millions of dollars and achieving substantial corporate governance reforms on behalf of its clients. Scott+Scott has significant expertise in complex securities, antitrust, consumer, ERISA, and civil rights litigation in both federal and state courts. Through its efforts, Scott+Scott promotes corporate social responsibility.

SECURITIES AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Scott+Scott represents individuals and institutional investors that have suffered from stock fraud and corporate malfeasance. Scott+Scott's philosophy is simple – directors and officers should be truthful in their dealings with the public markets and honor their duties to their shareholders. Since its inception, Scott+Scott's securities and corporate governance litigation department has developed and maintained a reputation of excellence and integrity recognized by state and federal and state courts across the country. "It is this Court's position that Scott+Scott did a superlative job in its representation, which substantially benefited Ariel For the record, it should be noted that Scott+Scott has demonstrated a remarkable grasp and handling of the extraordinarily complex matters in this case They have possessed a knowledge of the issues presented and this knowledge has always been used to the benefit of all investors." *N.Y. Univ. v. Ariel Fund Ltd.*, No. 603803/08, slip. op. at 9-10 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. Feb. 22, 2010). "The quality of representation here is demonstrated, in part, by the result achieved for the class. Further, it has been this court's experience, throughout the ongoing litigation of this matter, that counsel have conducted themselves with the utmost professionalism and respect for the court and the judicial process." *In re Priceline.com, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 00-cv-01884, 2007 WL 2115592, at *5 (D. Conn. July 20, 2007).

Scott+Scott has successfully prosecuted numerous class actions under the federal securities laws, resulting in the recovery of hundreds of millions of dollars for shareholders. Representative cases prosecuted by Scott+Scott under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 include: *In re Priceline.com, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 00-cv-01884 (D. Conn. July 19, 2007) (\$80 million settlement); *Irvine v. ImClone Sys., Inc.*, No. 02-cv-00109 (S.D.N.Y. July 29, 2005) (\$75 million settlement); *Cornwell v. Credit Suisse Group*, No. 08-cv-03758 (S.D.N.Y. July 20, 2011) (\$70 million settlement); and *Schnall v. Annuity and Life Re (Holdings) Ltd.*, No. 02-cv-2133 (D. Conn. June 13, 2008) (\$26.5 million settlement). Representative cases prosecuted by Scott+Scott under the Securities Act of 1933 include: *Parker v. National City Corp.*, No. CV-08-

657360 (Ohio Ct. Com. Pl., Cuyahoga County, June 23, 2010) (\$5.25 million settlement); and *Hamel v. GT Solar International, Inc.*, No. 217-2010-CV-05004 (N.H. Super. Ct., Merrimack County, May 10, 2011) (\$10.25 million settlement).

Scott+Scott currently serves as court-appointed lead counsel in various federal securities class actions, including *St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighter's Pension Trust Fund v. Oilsands Quest Inc.*, No. 11-cv-1288-JSR (S.D.N.Y. May 23, 2011); *In re Washington Mutual Mortgage Backed Securities Litigation*, No. 09-cv-0037 (W.D. Wash. Oct. 23, 2009); and *West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund v. CardioNet, Inc.*, No. 37-2010-00086836-CU-SL-CTL (Cal. Super. Ct., San Diego County, 2010) (\$7.25 million settlement pending).

In addition to prosecuting federal securities class actions, Scott+Scott has a proven track record of handling corporate governance matters through its extensive experience litigating shareholder derivative actions. Representative actions include: *In re Marvell Tech. Group Ltd. Derivative Litigation*, No. C-06-03894-RMW (RS) (N.D. Cal. Aug. 11, 2009) (\$54.9 million and corporate governance reforms); *In re Qwest Communications International, Inc.*, No. Civ. 01-RB-1451 (D. Colo. June 15, 2004) (\$25 million and corporate governance reform); *Carfagno v. Schnitzer*, No. 08-cv-912-SAS (S.D.N.Y. May 18, 2009) (modification of terms of preferred securities issued to insiders valued at \$8 million); and *Garcia v. Carrion*, No. 3:09-cv-01507 (D.P.R. Sept. 12, 2011) (settlement of derivative claims against the company and its officers and directors providing for corporate governance reforms valued between \$10.05 million and \$15.49 million).

Currently, Scott+Scott is actively prosecuting shareholder derivative actions, including *Plymouth County Contributory Retirement Fund v. Hassan*, No. 08-cv-1022 (D.N.J.); *Louisiana Municipal Police Employees Retirement System v. Ritter*, 20-CV-01588 (Ala. Cir. Ct., Jefferson County); *Estate of Jacquelin K. Stevenson v. Kavanaugh*, No. 08-CP-10-1735 (S.C. Ct. Com. Pl., Charleston County); *Currie v. Begley*, No. 2011 MR 000608 (Ill. Cir. Ct., Kane County); and *North Miami Beach General Employees Retirement Fund v. Parkinson*, No. 10C6514 (N.D. Ill.).

ANTITRUST

Scott+Scott is actively involved in litigating complex antitrust cases throughout the United States. Scott+Scott represents consumers and businesses in price-fixing, bid-rigging, monopolization, and other restraints of trade cases. In such actions, Scott+Scott works to ensure that the markets remain free, open, and competitive to the benefit of both consumers and business. Scott+Scott's class action antitrust experience includes serving as co-trial counsel in *In re Scrap Metal Antitrust Litigation*, 02-cv-0844-KMO (N.D. Ohio), where it helped obtain a \$34.5 million jury verdict, which was subsequently affirmed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. *See In re Scrap Metal Antitrust Litigation*, 527 F.3d 517, 524 (6th Cir. 2008).

Scott+Scott currently serves as lead counsel in a number of class action antitrust cases, including *Dahl v. Bain Capital Partners, LLC*, No. 1:07-cv-12388 (D. Mass.) (challenging bid rigging and market allocation in the private equity/leveraged-buyout industry), and *In re WellPoint, Inc. Out-Of-Network "UCR" Rates Litigation*, No. 2:09-ml-02074 (C.D. Cal.) (challenging price-fixing in the health insurance industry), and *In re Korean Air Lines Co., LTD. Antitrust Litigation*, MDL

No. 1891, No. CV 07-06542 (C.D. Cal.) (challenging price fixing/illegal surcharge). Additionally, Scott+Scott serves on leadership executive committees in various class action cases including *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation*, No. 1:05-md-1720 (E.D.N.Y.) (one of the largest class actions ever brought), and *In re Aetna UCR Litigation*, MDL No. 2020 (D.N.J.) (price-fixing in the health insurance industry).

In addition to antitrust class actions, Scott+Scott represents clients in opt-out antitrust litigation. Past clients include publicly traded corporations, such as Parker Hannifin Corporation and PolyOne Corporation. Representative opt-out litigation prosecuted by Scott+Scott includes *In re Rubber Chemicals Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1648 (N.D. Cal.); *In re Polychloroprene Rubber (CR) Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1642 (D. Conn.); and *In re Plastic Additives Antitrust Litigation (No. II)*, MDL No. 1684 (E.D. Pa.).

CONSUMER RIGHTS

Scott+Scott regularly represents the rights of consumers throughout the United States by prosecuting class actions under federal and state laws. In *Gunther v. Capital One, N.A.*, No. 09-2966-ADS-AKT (E.D.N.Y.), Scott+Scott obtained a net settlement resulting in class members receiving 100% of their damages. Other settlements obtained by Scott+Scott include *In re Kava Kava Litigation*, Lead Case No. BC 269717 (Cal. Super. Ct., Los Angeles County); *Fischer v. MasterCard International, Inc.*, No. 600572/2003 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. and New York County); *Salkin v. MasterCard International Incorporated*, No. 002648 (Penn. Ct. Com. Pl., Philadelphia County).

Scott+Scott currently serves as lead counsel in *In re Prudential Insurance Company of America SGLI/VGLI Contract Litigation*, No. 3:11-md-02208-MAP (D. Mass.) (challenging Prudential's actions relating to the issuance of life insurance contracts to the nation's military personnel and dependents); *In re Nutella Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, No. 3:11-cv-01086-FLW-DEA (D.N.J.); and *Franco v. Connecticut General Life Insurance Co.*, No. 07-cv-6039-SRC-PS (D.N.J.) (challenging the reimbursement of out-of-network healthcare charges).

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (ERISA)

Scott+Scott litigates complex class actions across the United States on behalf of corporate employees alleging violations of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act. ERISA was enacted by Congress to prevent employers from exercising improper control over retirement plan assets and requires that pension and 401(k) plan trustees, including employer corporations, owe the highest fiduciary duties to retirement plans and their participants as to their retirement funds. Scott+Scott is committed to continuing its leadership in ERISA and related employee-retirement litigation, as well as to those employees who entrust their employers with hard-earned retirement savings. Representative recoveries by Scott+Scott include: *In re Royal Dutch/Shell Transport ERISA Litigation*, No. 2:04-cv-01398-JWB-SDW (D.N.J. Aug. 30, 2005) (\$90 million settlement); *In re General Motors ERISA Litigation*, No. 2:05-cv-71085-NGE-RSW (E.D. Mich. June 5, 2008) (\$37.5 million settlement); and *Rantala v. ConAgra Foods*, No. 8:05-cv-00349-LES-TDT (D. Neb.) (\$4 million settlement).

CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION

Scott+Scott has also successfully litigated cases to enforce its clients' civil rights. In *The Vulcan Society, Inc. v. The City of New York*, No. 1:07-cv-02067-NGG-RLM (E.D.N.Y.), Scott+Scott was part of a team of lawyers representing a class of black applicants who were denied or delayed employment as New York City firefighters due to decades of racial discriminatory conduct. The district court certified the class in a post-*Walmart v. Dukes* decision, granted summary judgment against the City on both intentional discrimination and disparate impact claims, and after trial ordered broad injunctive relief, including a new examination, revision of the application procedure, and continued monitoring by a court-appointed monitor for at least 10 years. The back pay and compensatory damage award will be determined in a subsequent ruling. In *Hohider v. United Parcel Services, Inc.*, No. 2:04-cv-00363-JFC (W.D. Penn.), Scott+Scott obtained significant structural changes to UPS's Americans with Disabilities Act compliance policies and monetary awards for some individual employees in settlement of a ground-breaking case seeking nationwide class certification of UPS employees who were barred from reemployment after suffering injuries on the job.

ATTORNEY BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

MELVIN SCOTT is a graduate of the University of Connecticut (B.A. 1950) and the University of Kentucky (M.A. 1953; LL.B. 1957). Mr. Scott founded the firm in 1975. He formerly practiced in Kentucky and is presently admitted to practice in Connecticut and Pennsylvania. Mr. Scott was a member of the Kentucky Law Review, where he submitted several articles for publication. He has served as an Attorney Trial Referee since the inception of the program in the State of Connecticut and is a member of the Fee Dispute Committee for New London County. Mr. Scott also formerly served as a Special Public Defender in criminal cases and as a member of the New London County Grievance Committee. Mr. Scott actively represents aggrieved parties in securities, commercial and criminal litigation and served or serves as counsel in *Irvine, et al. v. ImClone Systems, Inc., et al.*; *Schnall, et al. v. Annuity and Life Re (Holdings) Ltd., et al.*; *In re 360networks Class Action Securities Litigation*; *In re General Motors ERISA Litigation*, and *Hohider v. UPS*, among others.

DAVID R. SCOTT is a graduate of St. Lawrence University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1986), Temple University School of Law (J.D., Moot Court Board, 1989), and New York University School of Law (LL.M. in taxation). He concentrates in commercial and class action trial work. Mr. Scott's trial work involves antitrust, intellectual property, commercial, and complex securities litigation. Mr. Scott's antitrust litigation experience includes matters dealing with illegal tying, price-fixing and monopolization actions. He has served as lead counsel in numerous antitrust and securities class action lawsuits. Notably, Mr. Scott served as co-lead counsel in *In re Priceline.com, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$80 million settlement); *Thurber v. Mattel, Inc.* (\$122 million settlement); *In re Emulex Corp. Securities Litigation* (\$39 million settlement); *In re Sprint Securities Litigation* (\$50 million settlement); *In re Northwestern Corporation Securities Litigation* (\$61 million settlement); *Irvine, et al. v. ImClone Systems, Inc., et al.* (\$75 million settlement); *Schnall, et al. v. Annuity and Life Re (Holdings) Ltd., et al.* (\$27 million settlement); *In re Qwest Communications International, Inc.* (significant corporate governance reforms and \$25 million for the company), and *In re General Motors ERISA Litigation* (significant enhancements to retirement plan administration in addition to a \$37.5 million settlement for plan participants), among others. His securities litigation experience includes matters dealing with securities fraud class actions, derivative/corporate governance litigation, and representation of start-up technology companies in private securities litigation. Presently, Mr. Scott is serving as lead counsel in *In re General Motors ERISA Litigation*; *In re Priceline.com, Inc. Securities Litigation*; and *In re Marvell Technology Group Ltd. Derivative Litigation* (option-backdating litigation) among others. Mr. Scott is admitted to practice in Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, the United States Tax Court, and numerous United States District Courts.

BETH KASWAN has represented plaintiffs in cases involving securities and consumer fraud since 1998. Prior to 1998, Ms. Kaswan served in the Giuliani administration as New York City's Chief Procurement Officer, a Deputy Commissioner in the Department of Investigations and the Finance Department's Chief Counsel. Ms. Kaswan, having majored in accounting in college, began her career at Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. and later served as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division. In 1985, she joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, and was promoted to Chief of Commercial Litigation and then Deputy Chief of the Civil Division. While employed by the government, Ms. Kaswan litigated

several high-profile cases to judgment, including the landmark case of *United States v. Gleneagles Inv. Co.*, where following a multi-stage, thirteen-month trial, the fraudulent conveyance laws were first applied to set aside a leveraged buy-out. She also represented the Federal Reserve for its enforcement actions against the rogue bank, BCCI, leading to the global RICO plea agreement and forfeiture of BCCI's \$550 million of United States assets; the IRS for its \$5 billion claim against *Drexel*, the Defense Department and MARAD for *qui tam* and other false claims actions against *Goodyear Aerospace*, *Loral* and *General Dynamics* and the FDA to enjoin the manufacture of adulterated generic drugs. See, e.g., *United States v. Gleneagles Inv. Co.*, 565 F. Supp. 556 ("Gleneagles I"), 571 F. Supp. 935 ("Gleneagles II"), 584 F. Supp. 671 ("Gleneagles III") (M.D. Pa. 1981), *aff'd in part and rev'd in part sub. nom.*, *United States v. Tabor Ct. Realty Corp.*, 803 F.2d 1288 (3d Cir. 1986); *In re Smouha ("BCCI")*, 136 B.R. 921 (S.D.N.Y. 1992); *United States v. Davis*, 803 F. Supp. 830 (S.D.N.Y. 1992), *aff'd in part and rev'd in part sub. nom.*, *United States v. General Dynamics Corp.*, 19 F.3d 770 (2d Cir. 1994); *United States v. Barr Laboratories, Inc.*, 812 F. Supp. 458 (D.N.J. 1993). Ms. Kaswan received several awards from the Justice Department and the agencies she represented, including the Justice Department's John Marshall award, Special Commendation from the Attorney General, a Superior Performance award from the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys, Tax Division Outstanding Achievement awards, and awards from the FDA Commissioner and U.S. Customs Service. She has testified before the New York legislature as a government expert on money-laundering and lectured in Justice Department training programs on evidence and other subjects.

CHRISTOPHER M. BURKE is a graduate of The Ohio State University (B.A. 1984), William & Mary (M.A. 1988), and the University of Wisconsin (M.A. 1989; J.D. 1993; Ph.D. 1996). Mr. Burke's principal practice is in complex antitrust, consumer, and other representative litigation and heads Scott+Scott's antitrust and consumer law practices. Prior to joining Scott+Scott, his practice centered on complex antitrust and unfair competition matters. Mr. Burke served as co-lead counsel in *In re Currency Conversion Antitrust Litigation* (\$336 million settlement); *In re Payment Card & Merchant Fee Antitrust Litigation*; *In re Digital Music Antitrust Litigation* (*Starr v. Sony BMG, et al.*), and was one of the trial counsel in *Schwartz v. Visa* (\$800 million plaintiff verdict). Currently, Mr. Burke is one of the lead counsel in *Dahl v. Bain Capital Partners*; *In re WellPoint, Inc. Out-of-Network "UCR" Litigation*; *In re Korean Airlines Co., Ltd. Antitrust Litigation*; and *In re Prudential Ins. Co. of America SGLI/VGLI Antitrust Litigation*. Further, he is class counsel in *Ross v. Bank of America N.A.*, and serves on the Executive Committee in *In re Aetna, Inc. Out of Network "UCR" Rates Litigation* and *In re Payment Card and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation*. Mr. Burke served as an Assistant Attorney General at the Wisconsin Department of Justice and has lectured on law-related topics, including constitutional law, law and politics and civil rights at the State University of New York at Buffalo and at the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Burke continues to lecture periodically and present CLE courses on class actions, financial services litigation, and emerging trends in antitrust and consumer law. Mr. Burke's book, *The Appearance of Equality: The Supreme Court and Racial Gerrymandering* (Greenwood, 1999), examines conflicts over voting rights and political representation within the competing rhetoric of communitarian and liberal strategies of justification. Mr. Burke is admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of the State of California, the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin, and numerous United States District Courts.

JOSEPH P. GUGLIELMO represents institutional and individual clients in consumer and securities litigation in state and federal courts throughout the United States and has achieved numerous successful outcomes.

Recently, Mr. Guglielmo, along with other attorneys at Scott+Scott, was recognized for his efforts representing New York University in obtaining a monumental temporary restraining order of over \$200 million from a Bernard Madoff feeder fund. Specifically, New York State Supreme Court Justice Richard B. Lowe III stated, “Scott+Scott demonstrated a remarkable grasp and handling of the extraordinarily complex matters in the case. The extremely professional and thorough means by which NYU’s counsel has litigated this matter has not been overlooked by this Court.”

Mr. Guglielmo serves in a leadership capacity in a number of complex consumer actions including: *In re WellPoint, Inc. Out-of-Network “UCR” Rates Litigation*, MDL 2074 (C.D. Cal.); *In re Aetna, Inc. Out-of-Network “UCR” Rates Litigation*, MDL 2020 (D.N.J.); and *In re Pre-Filled Propane Tank Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, MDL 2086 (W.D. Mo.). Mr. Guglielmo also represents lead plaintiffs in a number of securities and derivative actions including: *Louisiana Municipal Police Employees Retirement System v. Ritter (Regions Bank)*, No. 09-cv-01275 (N.D. Ala.); *Boilermakers National Annuity Trust Fund v. WaMu Mortgage Pass Through Certificates*, No. 09-cv-00037 (W.D. Wash.); and *Latham v. Signallife, Inc.*, No. 08-cv-02995 (D.S.C.).

Mr. Guglielmo has obtained numerous settlements for his clients. He was extensively involved in the litigation and settlement of *In re Managed Care Litigation*, MDL 1334 (S.D. Fla.), which included settlements with Aetna, CIGNA, Prudential, Health Net, Humana, and WellPoint providing monetary and injunctive benefits exceeding \$1 billion. Additional cases Mr. Guglielmo played a leading role and obtained substantial recoveries for his clients include: *Love v. Blue Cross and Blue Shield Ass’n*, No. 03-cv-21296 (S.D. Fla.), which resulted in settlements of approximately \$130 million and injunctive benefits valued in excess of \$2 billion; *In re Insurance Brokerage Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 1897 (D.N.J.), settlements in excess of \$180 million; and *Bassman v. Union Pacific Corp.*, No. 97-cv-02819 (N.D. Tex.), \$35.5 million securities class action settlement.

Mr. Guglielmo is an author and lecturer on a variety of litigation programs sponsored by various organizations, including The Sedona Conference®, an organization devoted to providing guidance and information concerning issues such as discovery, antitrust law, complex litigation and intellectual property. Mr. Guglielmo was recognized for his achievements in litigation by his selection to *The National Law Journal*’s Plaintiffs’ Hot List.

Mr. Guglielmo graduated from the Catholic University of America (B.A., *cum laude*, 1992; J.D., 1995) and also received a Certificate of Public Policy.

Mr. Guglielmo is admitted to practice before numerous federal and state courts, including the United States Supreme Court, the New York State Bar, the District of Columbia Bar and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bar. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar, New York State Bar Association, American Bar Association, and The Sedona Conference®.

GEOFFREY JOHNSON is a graduate of Grinnell College (B.A., with honors, 1996) and the University of Chicago Law School (J.D., with honors, 1999), where he served on the law review. An attorney with the firm's Ohio office, Mr. Johnson's main practice areas include securities and ERISA class action litigation, corporate governance, and other complex commercial litigation, including among others *In re Priceline.com, Inc. Securities Litigation* and *In re GM ERISA Litigation*. Prior to joining Scott+Scott, Mr. Johnson clerked for the Honorable Karen Nelson Moore, Sixth Circuit United States Court of Appeals. Mr. Johnson has been active in *pro bono* matters, handling cases for the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Ohio Bar.

JUDY SCOLNICK is a graduate of New York University (B.A., *cum laude* 1972), Brandeis University (M.A. 1973) and Boston College Law School (J.D., *summa cum laude* 1976), where she served on the Boston College Industrial and Commercial Law Review. She began her career as a law clerk to the late Honorable Anthony Julian of the United States District Court in Massachusetts, and then served as a trial attorney in the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice from 1977 until 1981. As a trial attorney, Ms. Scolnick was the lead counsel in several high-profile employment discrimination lawsuits against various U.S. agencies around the country. She also drafted the policy position followed by all U.S. Attorneys' offices concerning employment discrimination cases that ensured coordination between the positions of the Civil Rights Division as prosecutor of discrimination cases against private employer and the Civil Division as the defender of employment cases against U.S. agencies. Since joining the Firm in July 2007, Ms. Scolnick has principally practiced complex litigation in the fields of shareholder derivative law, consumer rights and employment law. She has contributed substantially to recent jurisprudence expanding shareholders' rights to examine books and records of the corporations in which they hold stock. In *Cain v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, 415 N.J. Super. 319 (N.J. Super. A.D. 2010), the New Jersey Appellate Division agreed with Ms. Scolnick and held in a precedential decision that the New Jersey Business Corporation Act allows shareholders to inspect the minutes of board of directors and executive committee meetings upon a showing of a proper purpose. In *King v. VeriFone Holdings, Inc.*, 12 A.3d 1140 (Del. Supr. 2011), the Delaware Supreme Court ruled in a ground-breaking decision that Plaintiff may, in certain circumstances, inspect a corporation's books and records to bolster a shareholder derivative complaint even *after* they have filed a lawsuit. Ms. Scolnick is admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts.

WALTER NOSS graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 1997. He received his Juris Doctorate *with honors* from The Ohio State University College of Law in 2000. Mr. Noss is a member of the California and Ohio Bars.

Since joining the Firm in April 2004, Mr. Noss has principally practiced complex litigation, including antitrust, securities, and shareholder derivative actions. Mr. Noss currently serves as one of the primary litigation counsel in *Dahl v. Bain Capital Partners LLC*, No. 1:07-cv-12388-EFH (D. Mass.), a case challenging collusion in the private equity/LBO industry.

Mr. Noss has successfully represented corporate opt-out clients in antitrust actions, including *In re Rubber Chemicals Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1648 (N.D. Cal.); *In re Polychloroprene*

Rubber (CR) Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 1642 (D. Conn.); and *In re Plastics Additives (No. II) Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1684 (E.D. Pa.).

Mr. Noss has successful federal civil jury trial experience. In April 2011, Mr. Noss served as lead trial counsel in *Novak v. Gray*, No. 8:09-cv-00880-RAL-TGW (M.D. Fla.), obtaining a \$4.1 million jury verdict for breach of oral contract and fraudulent inducement. In December 2009, Mr. Noss served as plaintiffs' local counsel at trial in *Lederman v. Popovich*, No. 1:07-cv-00845-DCN (N.D. Ohio), resulting in a \$1.8 million jury verdict for plaintiffs on claims of breach of fiduciary duties, conversion, and unjust enrichment. In January and February 2006, Mr. Noss assisted the trial team for *In re Scrap Metal Antitrust Litigation*, No. 1:02-cv-0844-KMO (N.D. Ohio 2006), resulting in a \$34.5 million class action plaintiffs' verdict.

Mr. Noss serves as the Firm's managing partner for its San Diego office.

DONALD A. BROGGI is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh (B.A. 1990) and Duquesne University School of Law (J.D. 2000). He is engaged in the Firm's complex securities, antitrust, and consumer litigation, including *In re Priceline.com, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *Irvine, et al. v. Imclone Systems, Inc., et al.*; *In re Rubber Chemicals Antitrust Litigation*; *In re Plastic Additives Antitrust Litigation*, and *Hohider v. UPS*, among others. Currently, Mr. Broggi dedicates his efforts to the Firm's institutional investor department and consulting with institutional investors in the United States and Europe on issues relating to corporate fraud in the U.S. securities markets, as well as corporate governance issues. Mr. Broggi presents at investor conferences in the United States on the value of shareholder activism as a necessary component of preventing corporate fraud abuses. Mr. Broggi is admitted to practice by the States of Pennsylvania and New York.

DEBORAH CLARK-WEINTRAUB graduated from St. John's University, Queens, New York (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1981; President's Award in recognition of achieving highest GPA among graduates of St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Science) and Hofstra Law School in Hempstead, New York (J.D. *with distinction*, 1986). While in law school, Ms. Weintraub was a member and research editor of the Hofstra Law Review. Following her graduation from Hofstra Law School, Ms. Weintraub served as a law clerk to the Honorable Jacob Mishler, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York (1986-1987).

Ms. Weintraub has extensive securities class action experience and has acted as plaintiffs' co-lead counsel in numerous cases that have obtained substantial recoveries for defrauded investors. Additionally, Ms. Weintraub was one of the lead counsel in *In re Oxford Health Plans, Inc. Securities Litigation*, MDL No. 1222 (CLB) (S.D.N.Y.), in which a cash settlement of \$300 million was obtained on the eve of trial after more than five years of litigation. At the time, the \$300 million cash recovery was one of the largest recoveries ever achieved in a securities class action. The Honorable Charles L. Brieant, Jr., who presided over this case described it as "perhaps the most heavily defended, ardently pursued defense of a similar case that I can recall." Ms. Weintraub also served plaintiffs' co-lead counsel in *In re CVS Corporation Securities Litigation*, No. 01-11464 (JLT) (D. Mass.), in which a cash settlement of \$110 million was obtained for investors. Following the settlement in March 2006, CVS disclosed that the SEC had opened an inquiry into the manner in which CVS had accounted for a barter transaction, a

subject of the class action suit, and that independent counsel to the firm's audit committee had concluded in December 2005 that various aspects of the company's accounting for the transaction were incorrect, leading to the resignations of the company's controller and treasurer.

Ms. Weintraub is the co-author of "Gender Bias and the Treatment of Women as Advocates," *Women in Law* (1998), and the "Dissenting Introduction" defending the merits of securities class action litigation contained in the 1994 monograph "Securities Class Actions: Abuses and Remedies," published by the National Legal Center for the Public Interest. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and the American Association for Justice (formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America).

DARYL F. SCOTT graduated in 1981 from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He received his Juris Doctorate from Creighton University School of Law in 1984, and a Masters of Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center in 1986. Mr. Scott is involved in complex securities litigation at Scott+Scott. In addition to his work with the Firm, Mr. Scott has specialized in private foundation and ERISA law. He was formerly an executive officer of a private equity firm that held a majority interest in a number of significant corporations. Mr. Scott is admitted to the Supreme Court of Virginia and a member of the Virginia Bar Association and the Connecticut Bar Association.

MARIA K. TOUGAS is a graduate of Bowdoin College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1985) and Western New England College School of Law (J.D. 1989), where she was a member of the National Moot Court Team. Ms. Tougas' experience includes complex commercial litigation, creditor's rights, and bankruptcy. At Scott+Scott, Ms. Tougas is actively engaged in complex class action litigation, including securities, consumer, and antitrust litigation. She also focuses on bankruptcy and creditors' rights issues associated with complex class action litigation. Ms. Tougas actively practices all types of commercial litigation. She is admitted to practice in Connecticut, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

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MARY K. BLASY is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento (B.A. Government and Economics, 1996) and UCLA School of Law (J.D., Corporate Law Concentration 2000). While in law school, Ms. Blasy served as editor-in-chief of the UCLA Law Journal of Environmental Law and Policy and as a judicial intern to the Honorable Edward Rafeedie of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. Ms. Blasy's principal practice is complex securities, corporate governance, and other representative litigation.

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